(d) whether there are some States, which could not utilise the fund sanctioned by the Central Government; and

(e) if so, the names of such States and the reaction of the Central Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) (a) and (b) The National Handicapped Welfare Fund was created on 11/8/83 to fulfil the following.

(i) To promote voluntary sector for creating services for the handicapped for prevention, early detection of disabilities, education, training, physical and economic rehabilitation of disabled persons.

(ii) To do all other things that are incidental and conducive to the above objective.

(c) The schemes to be funded out of the Fund have not been finalised hence funds could not be utilised.

(d) and (e) Question does not arise.

[Translation]

Arrears due to Sugarcane Growers

*189. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been increase in the outstanding amount payable to farmers by the sugar mills;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the present status of the arrears to be paid by Private and Cooperative mills to the sugarcane growers separately, State-wise;

(d) whether cane was not lifted by some sugar mills in some States during 1996-97;

(e) if so, the ditails thereof and the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government propose to compensate farmers whose cane was not lifted; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) According to the latest information furnished by sugar factories, as on 15.6.1997 the cane price dues to farmers relating to the current sugar season (1996-97) were about Rs. 769.99 crores, representing 12.2% of the total cane price payable, while the cane price dues to farmers relating to the previous sugar season (1995-96) on the corresponding date were about Rs. 1642.65 crores representing 20.6 of the total cane price payable.

(c) As per the latest information furnished by the sugar factories, a Statement showing the State-wise position of the arrears to be paid to the sugarcane growers by sugar mills of different sectors for the current sugar season (1996-97) as on 15.6.1997 is attached.

(d) to (g) No information has been received by the Government about non-lifting of sugarcane by the sugar mills during 1996-97 season.

Statement

State-wise position of arrears to be paid to the sugarcane growers by the sugar mills in different sectors for the current Sugar Season 1996-97 as on 15.6.1997

State	Cane Price Arrears		
	Public Sector	Cooperative Sector	Private Sector
Punjab	49.04	37.62	45.94
Haryana	Nil	48.31	24.84
Rajasthan	Nil	1.52	Nil
Uttar Pradesh	109.53	74.64	152.87
Madhya Pradesh	Nil	6.50	13.17
Gujarat	Nil	4.81	Nil
Maharashtra	Nil	13.08	0.61
Bihar	16.00	0.00	56.98
Assam	Nil	0.16	Nil
Andhra Pradesh	17.56	1.37	15.78
Karnataka	0.01	5.93	14.41
Tamil Nadu	5.77	24.62	26.93
Kerala	Nil	Negligible*	Nil
Orissa	Nil	Nil	NIL
West Bengal	0.12	Nil	Nil
Nagaland	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pondicherry	Nil	1.82	0.05
Goa	Nil	Nil	NL
Total	198.03	220.38	351.58

* Rs. 013 lakhs